



MARYLAND Department of Health

Maryland SHIP Health Action Newsletter

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Funding Opportunity: Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant



Image: A street sign that reads, "Funding."

Friday, February 23, 2018

The Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, Health Resources and Services Administration, and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recently announced a grant opportunity. The Rural Health

Network Development Planning Grant Program provides grants to promote planning and development of rural health care networks. Grantees may use funds to conduct planning activities that support at least one of the following:

- Achieve efficiencies to improve services;
- Expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of essential services; and,
- Strengthen the rural health care system as a whole.

Applications are accepted until Friday, February 23, 2018.

For more information on this opportunity, click [here](#). Learn more about rural health in Maryland by visiting the Office of Rural Health [here](#).

Event: Open Forum for Quality Improvement in Public Health



Image: "Changing Maryland for the Better" logo.

Thursday - Friday, March 29 - 30, 2018

The National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI) will host the 16th annual Open Forum for Quality Improvement (QI) and Innovation in Public Health. This event highlights leaders in the QI field who help shape quality and innovation in public health. Last year, MDH Public Health Services (PHS) led a round table discussion about PHS's process for developing a QI plan. This year, Maryland will present at two sessions. The titles of the presentations are:

1. Application of Psychological Theories to Structuring Quality Improvement; and,
2. Streamlining Documentation and Communication of Quality Improvement Projects.

Registration is open until February 16, 2018, but will close sooner if maximum capacity is reached.

To register for this event, click [here](#). Learn more about quality improvement initiatives at MDH [here](#).

Event: Environmental Health Virtual Conference



Image: Photograph of Mr. Trash Wheel in the Baltimore Inner Harbor.

Wednesday - Thursday, February 14 - 15, 2018

Maintaining a healthy environment is essential to improving public health outcomes. The National Environmental Health Association will host the 2018 Integrating Data to Empower Advancement (IDEA) Environmental Health Virtual Conference. This conference will focus on innovative ways data can be used in environmental health to drive decision-making and evidence-based solutions. Proposed topics include:

- Risk-based assessments, community planning, and resource allocation;
- Data platforms, tools, and resources;
- Best practices for utilizing environmental health data;
- Policies and procedures on handling digital data; and,
- Lessons from the field.

For more information, click [here](#). To learn more about environmental health at MDH, visit the Environmental Health Bureau [here](#).

Event: Community-Driven Research Day



Image: Illustration of community and university partners working together.

Friday, February 16, 2018

Johns Hopkins Urban Health Institute (UHI) will host its annual Community-Driven Research Day (CDRD). The CDRD is an opportunity for community-based organizations and city agencies to have a greater role in the research process. This event elevates the community voice to identify needs and programs that would benefit from the support of researchers. The UHI will offer small grant funding to support community-university collaborations that results from participating in CDRD.

For more information on CDRD, click [here](#).

Funding Opportunity: HIV/AIDS Program Dental Reimbursement Program



Health Resources & Services Administration

Image: The Health Resources & Services Administration logo.

Friday, March 23, 2018

Poor oral health can lead to problems with nutrition, growth, school and workplace readiness, and speech. The Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) is soliciting applications for the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part F Dental Reimbursement Program. The purpose of this program is to improve access to oral health care services for low income, uninsured, and underserved people living with HIV. Additionally, this program also supports related education and training for the delivery of dental care to people living with HIV.

Applications are accepted until Friday, March 23, 2018.

For more information on this program, click [here](#). Learn more about SHIP measures relating to dental care [here](#) and [here](#), and about Maryland's HIV incidence rate [here](#).

News: 2018 National Wear Red Day



Image: Photograph of a group of people wearing red.

Friday, February 2, 2018

Between 2013 and 2015, there was an average of 169.4 deaths from heart disease per 100,000 Marylanders. Heart disease is the leading cause of death in Maryland. National Wear Red Day is an annual event that helps bring awareness to women with heart disease. This movement also helps fund research on heart disease specifically in women.

According to the American Heart Association, heart disease in the United States kills approximately one woman every 80 seconds. Fortunately, education and action may help prevent heart events. Preventing risk may be affected by incorporating healthy habits, including:

- Being physically active;
- Eating healthy foods;
- Stopping or never smoking;
- Managing blood sugar; and,
- Knowing your family history.

For more information, click [here](#). Find more information about the SHIP measure referenced above [here](#). The promotional video below highlights the importance of monitoring risk of developing heart disease. Learn more [here](#).



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